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**A weekly news digest for University of Minnesota, Morris faculty, staff, and students**

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Please send comments, questions, and submissions to the [editor](#). The submission deadline for the next edition of *Weekly Bulletin* will be Tuesday, April 1, at 4 p.m.

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- **Burks Receives Faculty Distinguished Research Award**
- **Nancy Carpenter's Latest Book To Be Released Next Week**
- **Letter by Rebecca Dean Published in the *Minneapolis Star Tribune***

**Featured Events**

**Jane Addams Project**

Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Imholte Hall 111

**Spanish Conversation Table**

Wednesdays, 6 p.m.  
Student Center, Turtle Mountain Cafe

**Elder-in-Residence Poetry Reading and Reception**

Thursday, March 27, 2 p.m.  
Humanities Fine Arts, Recital Hall

**Uncommon Women/Uncommon Theater: Feminism Comes to the Mainstream Stage**

Thursday, March 27, 7 p.m.  
Humanities Fine Arts, Black Box Theatre

**Round Table Forum with Author Joanna Scott**

Thursday, March 27, 7:30 p.m.  
Student Center, Oyate Hall

**Prairie Literary Gate Festival**

March 28–29  
Morris campus

**Asking the Big Questions**

Monday, March 31, 7 p.m.  
Briggs Library, McGinnis Room

**[28th Annual Edith R. Farrell French Poetry Reading Contest](#)**

Tuesday, April 1, 7 p.m.  
Student Center, Oyate Hall

Check out all of the campus [events](#).

## **News and Announcements**

### **[Burks Receives Faculty Distinguished Research Award](#)**

The award recognizes sustained research productivity of a Morris faculty member.

### **[Peter Bell to Serve as 2014 Commencement Speaker](#)**

Bell is a distinguished author and community leader and former member of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents.

### **[Circle of Nations Indigenous Association to Host 30th Annual Powwow](#)**

Dancers from across the United States and Canada come for this annual social gathering.

### **[Uncommon Women Rule on the Morris Stage](#)**

Performances of *Uncommon Women and Others* run April 10–13.

### **Christian Borden '00 To Return for Science & Math Distinguished Alumni Series**

Christian Borden '00 will return to campus April 2–3 as part of the Science & Math Distinguished Alumni Series. Borden will deliver a general audience talk on Wednesday, April 2, at 7 p.m. as well as a more science-focused discussion on Thursday, April 3, at 7:30 p.m. Both talks will be held in Science 1020. Borden graduated with a degree in computer science and physics in 2000 and went on to get a master of computer science from Michigan Technological University. As senior manager for Atmospheric and Environmental Research, Inc.'s Mission Planning Technologies group, he integrates environmental models, scientific research, and cutting-edge software technology to produce weather impact tools for the government and private-sector industries.

### **[Employee Engagement Survey Results Available](#)**

Morris's results from the University of Minnesota Employee Engagement survey are now available [online](#). The report identifies strengths and opportunities for improvement in supporting an engaged workforce on the Morris campus.

### **[Nominations Sought: César E. Chávez Award](#)**

Voces Unidas is accepting nominations for the César E. Chávez Award, which is presented to one Morris student and one faculty/staff member annually. Award recipients are recognized for their contributions to the Latino community and/or communities of color while personifying the values embodied by the late labor and civil rights leader César E. Chávez. Nominate students, staff, and/or faculty members [here](#).

### **[Morris Student Administrative Fellows Applications Due April 7](#)**

In recognition of the value of academic employment to the intellectual development of students and of the opportunities thus provided to assist campus offices in their work, Morris will award non-renewable Morris Student Administrative Fellow (MSAF) stipends for substantive, academically enriching projects. Projects should involve greater complexity than typical work-study assignments. To be eligible, students must have a 2.25 GPA and are required to carry a minimum of 12 credits each semester while working as an MSAF. [Applications](#) must be received in the Dean's Office by Monday, April 7.

### [This Week in Photos](#)

[Jeffrey L. Ledermann '87](#) returned to campus for Careers in Biology and Morris hosted the [2014 Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition](#). Enjoy these photos and [more](#) today!

### Accomplishments

Professor of Chemistry **Nancy Carpenter**'s latest book, [Chemistry of Sustainable Energy](#), will be released next week by Chapman and Hall/CRC. Carpenter's text presents chemistry through the lens of several sustainable-energy options, demonstrating the breadth and depth of research being carried out to address issues of sustainability and the global energy demand. Written with a qualitative, structural bias, it illustrates the increasingly interdisciplinary nature of chemistry research with examples from the literature to provide relevant snapshots of how solutions are developed. *Chemistry of Sustainable Energy* also covers topics related to energy and energy generation that are closely tied to understanding the chemistry of sustainable energy, including fossil fuels, thermodynamics, polymers, hydrogen generation and storage, and carbon capture.

A new article by **Michael Lackey**, associate professor of English, appears in the latest issue of *Modern Fiction Studies*. The article is entitled "Nazi Children, Christian Anti-Semitism, and the New Atheist in William Styron's *Sophie's Choice*." *Modern Fiction Studies* is published by The Johns Hopkins University Press.

**Stephen Burks**, associate professor of economics and management, presented "[Social Preferences in the Lab and in the Field: Evidence from Students, Townspeople, and Truckers](#)," in the lecture series sponsored by the International Foundation for Research in Experimental Economics (IFREE) at the Economic Science Institute (ESI) at Chapman University in Orange, California, on March 17. The talk discussed results from Morris's [Truckers & Turnover Project](#), including material from one published paper and a paper currently in progress. The work presented was created by Burks, **Jon Anderson**, professor of statistics, **M. Bombyk '10**, J. Carpenter, Middlebury College, C. DeYoung, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, **D. Ganzhorn '08**, L. Götte, University of Lausanne, **K. Maurer '10**, Iowa State University, D. Nosenzo, University of Nottingham, **R. Potter '13**, **K. Rocha '11**, and A. Rustichini, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.

**Alex Rensch '15**, Rapid City, South Dakota, earned second-place honors in the [Thursday Musical Scholarship Competition](#). Rensch will next compete in the Schubert Club Scholarship Competition later this spring.

### In the News

A letter by **Rebecca Dean**, associate professor of anthropology, was published by the [Minneapolis Star Tribune](#). In it, Dean argues that the paper's [depiction of Scott Wolter's work](#) does a disservice to the field of archaeology. "We disrespect our ancestors and ourselves when we replace our real past with conspiracy theories and fakes," she writes. "The real past is fascinating. Don't demean it by pretending that fantastic pseudoscience is equal to archaeology."